

PREVIEW

Crossing the Great Divide

Meriwether Lewis

Summary Lewis reports on his early exploration of the American West. He speaks about the Native Americans he meets and how they helped him. He tells a positive story of American movement westward. Lewis tells the Native Americans that the United States government wishes to be friendly toward them. He also explains how new trade routes will help them.

Note-taking Guide

Use this diagram to record the main idea in Lewis's report. Then, list three details that support or illustrate this idea.

